

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Legal Legislative Committee

Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chairperson

Winnay Wemigwase, Secretary

Aaron Otto, Member

MINUTES
April 11, 2013

Call to Order: 10:26 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley; Secretary Winnay Wemigwase; Councilor Aaron Otto.

Tribal Council Members Present: Councilor Bill Denemy, Councilor John Keshick

Legislative Office Staff Present:

Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Tribal Treasury Director Michael Garrow, and Legislative Administrative Assistant Yvonne McShane were present.

Executive Officials and Staff Present:

Vice Chairman Julie Shananaquet, and Elder Outreach Coordinator, Tamela Okuly were in attendance.

Guests:

John Kawogma, Virginia Lewis and Janice Shackelford were at the meeting to represent the Elders.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Chairman Gasco-Bentley to adopt the agenda of April 11, 2013

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Minutes:

Motion made by Chairman Gasco-Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to table the Minutes of March 7, 2013.

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

General Business:

Elder's Department Statute: There was a long discussion about what services would need to be under the umbrella of an elders department. A name, "Kikaajik" was suggested for this Department if the Statute is approved.

Elders John Kawogma, Virginia Lewis and Janice Shackelford were present to represent the Elders and discussed the need of one department that would have all of the functions that the elders would need rather than going from department to department and building to building.

Tamela Okuly discussed the areas that could be implemented for the Elder's and how a separate Department would be able to streamline all of the beneficial information such as the current programs. She also hopes that there will be funding in the future to have our own, "Home Care" personal rather than contracting it out as we do now.

Lunch Break 12:03 pm.

Back in Session: 1:36 pm.

There was more information discussed about the proposed Elders Statute in the afternoon session. How many new employees may be needed and the creation of job descriptions for home care? What would those positions entail.

Public Comment

Public Comment opened at 3:20 p.m. with no comments.

Public Comment Closed at 3:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2013, in Tribal Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Secretary Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to adjourn meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Vote: 3 -Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.